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GEO. MURRAY BAIN,
China Mail Office,
Hongkong, May 20, 1896. 1040

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FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Lightning having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside. Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after the 17th June, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the WANGATA WAREHOUSE and STORAGE CO., LTD., Warehouse, HOUSE and STORAGE CO., LTD., Warehouse, Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE delivery of their Goods from alongside such Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.
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THE Company's Steamship China going to have arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 22nd Instant, or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on SATURDAY, the 20th Instant, at 9 p.m.

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The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to 30th June, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
CHAS. F. HARTON, Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, June 2, 1896. 1136

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY General MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 22nd day of June, 1896, at 8 o'clock p.m., when the Subjoined Resolution will be proposed. That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following:—

(a) Paragraph 10 of Article 2, which now reads as follows:—"Auditors Secretary and Manager mean those respective Officers from time to time of the Company," and the marginal note of the said paragraph shall be cancelled, and in lieu thereof the following marginal note and paragraph shall be inserted that it is to say
"Chief Manager
Secretary
Auditors responsible for the management of the Company"
(b) In Article 69 the words "One thousand dollars" shall be substituted therefor the words "two thousand dollars."
(c) In Article 70 the words "Chief Manager" shall be substituted for the word "Manager."
(d) In Article 72 and in the marginal note thereof the word "Manager" where it occurs shall be eliminated and the words "Chief Manager" shall be substituted therefor.
(e) At the end of Articles 83 and 87 there shall be added the words "or 'Chief Manager'."

Should the above Resolution be duly passed it will be submitted for Confirmation as a Special Resolution to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 10th day of June, 1896.

By Order of the Board,
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Do.	3 P.M. ... 29.80
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MARINE INSURANCES.				
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China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	83.33	25	\$703, sellers
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	5,000	100	50	\$100, buyers
Strait Insurance Co., Ltd.	30,000	100	20	\$30, buyers
Union Insurance Society Co., Ltd.	10,000	250	50	\$230, sales
Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.	8,000	100	60	\$140, sellers
FIRE INSURANCES.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	100	20	\$98, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	50	50	\$335
DOCK.				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	12,500	125	all	183 % prem., sellers
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China and Maudslayi S. S. Co., Ltd.	5,000	50	all	\$71, buyers
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Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited.	60,000	100	50	\$72, sales and buyers
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Oliver's Freehold Mines, Ltd.	5,000	5	all	\$34, sales and sellers
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H. G. Brown & Co., Limited.	6,000	50	all	\$34, buyers
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H. K. and China Gas Co., Limited.	7,000	10	all	\$100, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited.	30,000	10	all	\$74
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With regard to inward Parcels, addresses are requested to observe that the Parcel Mail is not opened under the ordinary distribution of letters, &c., in England. The postage on Parcels at home is 10d. per lb. The Regulations are generally similar to the above, and the Parcels are sent out via Gibraltar.

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3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, and within a year at the most from the date of Posting.

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5. No compensation can be paid for mere damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, handsewn bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition. Nor on account of alleged losses of the Contents of Registered covers which have reached their destination. Nor on account of any article for which the addressee has signed a receipt.

Misdirected or Delayed Correspondence.

When correspondence has been misdirected or delayed (both of which are liable to happen occasionally) all that the addressee need do is to note on the cover, Sent to P. O. No. 1, and forward it, without any general box, and forward it, to the Postmaster General. This action should be taken the first time cause of complaint occurs; it is a mistake to let such matters pass for fear of giving trouble, a course which generally gives more trouble in the end.

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2. Such covers, when addressed to places other than Hongkong or China, must be prepaid two cents each in stamps at heretofore.

3. Circulars, &c., must not exceed 2 ounces each in weight. Patterns, Almanacs, &c., must be under 4 ounces each in weight. Heavier articles will be charged ordinary rates.

4. Envelopes containing Patterns, &c., may be wholly closed if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be enclosed in pattern packets.

5. Addresses must be complete. That is to say, on such covers as are not addressed to houses of houses the addressee's residence or place of business must be added. Incompletely addressed covers will be returned to the sender for address.

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Queensland.

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Belgium.

Bulgaria.

Chili.

Denmark (including Iceland and Faroe Islands).

East West India.

Egypt.

France with Algeria.

German Empire (including Heligoland and the Cameroons).

Holland.

Italy (with Agencies at Tripoli, Assab and Massawa).

Norway.

Orange Free States.

Portugal (including Madeira and the Azores).

Roumania.

Sweden.

Switzerland.

Transvaal.

Tunis.

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Bahamas.

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